

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	
v.)	
)	
VLADIMIR OKHOTNIKOV,)	
JANE DOE a/k/a LOLA FERRARI,)	
MIKAIL SERGEEV,)	
SERGEY MASLAKOV,)	Case No. 22 C 3978
SAMUEL D. ELLIS,)	
MARK F. HAMLIN,)	Judge Jeremy C. Daniel
SARAH L. THEISSEN,)	
CARLOS L. MARTINEZ,)	
RONALD R. DEERING,)	
CHERI BETH BOWEN, and)	
ALISHA R. SHEPPERD,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
)	

SEVENTH JOINT STATUS REPORT

In accordance with the Court's Minute Entry of October 16, 2024 (Dkt# 153), the parties respectfully submit this Joint Status Report.

Current Status

1. Pursuant to the Court's Minute Entries of April 17, 2024 and October 16, 2024 (Dkt# 150, 153) and Judge Alonso's prior Minute Entry of March 28, 2023 (Dkt# 142), all proceedings in this case, including discovery, have remained stayed in light of the related criminal action styled as *U.S. v. Okhotnikov et al.*, Case No. 23 CR 57 (D. Or. 2023).

2. The United States respectfully states that the criminal action remains pending, and the criminal investigation is ongoing.

3. In their Fifth and Sixth Joint Status Reports of April 16, 2024 and October 15, 2024 (Dkt# 149, 152), the parties described the status of this case as to each Defendant prior to entry of the stay.

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Respectfully submitted,

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